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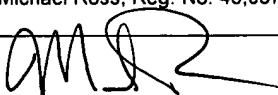
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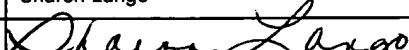
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Applicant: Barker et al.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 26, 2004
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	REF. NO.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	NAME OF PATENTEE OR APPLICANT	LOCATION WHERE RELEVANT PASSAGES OR FIGURES APPEAR	T
	14.	CA 2,200,998 A1	9/25/1998	Armand et al.		
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	20.	J.B.Goodenough et al., "Cathodes for Lithium-Ion Batteries: Some Comparisons", Kenki Kagaku Oyobi Kogyo Butsuri Kagaku Vol. 66, No. 12, pp. 1173-1181 (1998).

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